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Docket No. 150.01110101IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Uhlenbrock et al.)	Group Art Unit:	2822
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Serial No.:	10/032,357)	Examiner:	Maria Guerrero
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Filed:	December 21, 2001)	Confirmation No.:	4965
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For:	<u>METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL-CONTAINING SURFACES USING OXIDIZING GASES</u>			

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."